

## HOMERULE BILL TO BE WITHHELD

Asquith Says Government  
Will Not Introduce Meas-  
ure During This Session.

## PREMIER CALLED "ARRANT COWARD"

Radicals Said to Be Compaigning  
to Force Him From  
Office.

LONDON, Feb. 23.—Premier Asquith said today that the government did not intend to introduce a home rule bill at this session.

His statement has added to the general political confusion, as it was supposed that the home rule measure would be introduced toward the close of the session and that the government would go before the people in a new election with this question as one of the dominating issues.

Thirty of the more radical Liberals met this afternoon with Sir Charles Dilke presiding. They chose a committee to confer with the premier and it is reliably reported that the committee was authorized to issue an ultimatum to the premier that unless he proceed with the home rule bill against the lords, the radicals will secede and attempt to force him from office.

Edward Blamed.  
King Edward is coming in for considerable criticism today for his alleged inaction over Premier Asquith, which turned the premier from his bold stand against the house of lords to a vacillating policy that has fair to elicit the ministerial majority and force an early dissolution of parliament.

The charges laid forth today that Asquith was "bought off" by the king with promises of social advancement, said to have proved a potent lure, as a result of Mrs. Asquith's social ambitions.

Charged With Cowardice.  
Asquith was either thus influenced, his critics say, or else he is one of the most ardent political cowards that ever held the post of premier. The premier's attempt to put a different interpretation on his anti-election promises, which were accepted everywhere as flatfooted pledges that the veto power of the lords would be limited, have alienated a big majority of his followers. There is a growing demand for some one of the cabinet to succeed Asquith.

In nearly all of his speeches during the campaign, Asquith put the veto measure ahead of the budget in importance, and his conversion to the precedence of the budget has disgusted his followers and opponents alike. The radical element of the Liberal party is trying to find out whether the king changed the draft of the throne speech after it was delivered to him last Saturday by the cabinet.

It is known that the cabinet originally drafted a vigorous speech, one that declared unequivocally for the limitation of the power of the lords. Instead of such a speech, however, the king read a weak and obscure document, the exact meaning of which is still as much in doubt as when it was heard on Monday.

Either the king changed the speech, an unprecedented action, or the cabinet rewrote its original document, it is claimed.

There is a growing belief today that the ministerial alliance can be maintained until the budget is passed and that the ministry then can "save its face" if it proceeds against the house of lords in a vigorous manner.

## AMERICAN COLLEGES RESPECTED ABROAD

BALTIMORE, Feb. 23.—The immediate need of the removal of Johns Hopkins University from its present site to one in the suburbs was pointed out at the thirty-fourth commemorative day of the institution. A country-wide campaign for funds for a university will be waged.

At the banquet last night Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, said that American universities have attained a position of world-wide respect in foreign lands.

President Robert A. Falconer, of the University of Toronto, lauded the individuality of Canada, comparing it to the form of government in the United States, and praising that of the Dominion.

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## Old Dutch Market

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In the Middle of the Block  
500 Eighth Street S. E.  
On the Corner of E  
3101 M Street N. W.

## TAFT SPENDS DAY AT BROTHER'S HOME

Tonight Will Be Guest of  
Newark Board of  
Trade.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Our traveling "Bill Taft" spent one of the quietest days he has ever passed outside of Washington at the Henry V. Taft home today. The President indulged in the unusual pleasure of sleeping late.

Late in the morning, however, he got busy on a huge stack of correspondence and executive papers, forwarded from Washington, and from then until late afternoon he kept Secretary Mischler at work.

The President visited the Morgan gallery with Lewis Cass Lodge, a New York attorney, to inspect a portrait of J. Pierpont Morgan, painted by Backus P. Pennington. The President is anxious to paint the President's picture, but no arrangement was made for sitting.

At 4 o'clock the President will leave for Newark, N. J., in an automobile, accompanied by Captain Butt and the other members of the Presidential party. He will be the guest of the Newark board of trade at its annual banquet of tonight and will return to Jersey City to take the midnight train for Washington.

Early in the day Mrs. Sarah Powers, of Burlington, Vt., fell into the hands of Secret Service men stationed about the home of Henry Taft, where the President is stopping. Mrs. Powers objects to the business methods and character of the present postmaster at Burlington and had decided to take the matter up personally with the President and arrange for the official's deposition.

When she attempted to enter the Taft residence she was seized, but insisted that she must see the President. She finally explained her mission and the Secret Service men released her and she promptly started for a railroad station to return to Vermont.

## WANTS TO UNITE POSTAL FACTIONS

Senator Burton Would  
Amend Carter Savings  
Bank Bill.

Senator Burton of Ohio has a plan by which he hopes to unite all the conflicting interests now favoring a postal savings bank system as a principle, and will introduce an amendment to the Carter bill before it is disposed of providing for the investment of the funds collected in such manner as will render the bill undoubtedly constitutional and at the same time give the local or State banks a show.

Senator Burton will urge that the funds collected be invested first of all in Government securities. If there are not enough bonds authorized to meet the whole sum, and there are many Senators who do not think there will be, he proposes that the money be invested in good State, county, and municipal bonds. This will meet, he thinks, the objections of those who want a market provided for this class of securities, and the money collected through postal savings.

Should it develop that there are any funds left the Senator is willing that they shall go to the State banks, provided that Government, State, county, or municipal bonds of good standing are given the Government for security.

This plan Senator Burton thinks will not only render the constitutionality of the bill beyond question, but will serve to rally to its support practically all the interests which are now in favor of some kind of a postal bank system.

**The Slim Woman Is Winning**  
The day of the slim woman's triumph has arrived. "The thinner one is the more stylish," say the dressmakers. This would have been sad news for the fat woman a year ago. She would have had to try dieting or exercise. Now, however, the woman who is too fat for the styles goes to a druggist and gets a case of Marmola Prescription Tablets, one of which she takes after each meal and at bedtime and so reduces her superfluous flesh quickly.

These tablets, being made in accordance with the famous prescription, are perfectly harmless, and they are, also, the most economical preparation a person can buy, for they cost only 25 cents a large case, one of which is frequently enough to start a person to losing fat at the rate of 12 or 14 ounces a day. Pretty nearly every druggist keeps this tablet in stock, but should yours be sold out, you can easily obtain a case by sending to the makers, the Marmola Company, 231 Farmer Bldg., Detroit, Mich.

## POLICEMEN EXPECTING VISIT FROM JOHNSTON

Commissioner's Unheralded Call at Station House and  
News of Future Plan Causes Unwonted Stir and  
Activity in Police Circles.

Fortunately the force of a police station in the northern section of the city was right on the job, every man of them looked like he was working, and the room was cleaned and in perfect order when a brisk, business-like man, of medium height, and with a black mustache walked in and didn't seem in a hurry to tell just what he wanted.

By another piece of good luck the lieutenant in charge had nothing to ruffle his temper and seemed disposed to answer the questions of the police, but somewhat inquisitive visitor.

Afterwards the officer said he didn't quite understand why he was so polite, since "he wasn't takin' orders from no plain clothes man," but the stranger, he said, "acted just like he was there as a matter of course."

He was. The visitor was Commissioner Johnston, who has everything to do with the police department and likewise the fire department.

The experience of this precinct has accounted for the appearance of a man who answers the description and who has been asking questions of members of the police force. The policemen are showing a marked curiosity about the Commissioner's appearance, for the word has gone forth that his wanderings have just begun and that he intends to visit every station in the city to see for himself what the Muscogees are doing.

When it was suggested that the Commissioner was following the same plan made famous by Theodore Roosevelt, who, while he was police commissioner

of New York city—and now being followed by Mayor Gaynor—had been concocting way of dropping around in unexpected places, Mr. Johnston smiled. "I am not assuming that the police force is in need of inspection," he said, "I am merely making these observations for my own benefit, and to announce my coming would defeat my purpose."

When news of Commissioner Johnston's early visits became known throughout the force, there was an immediate scurrying to brace up all along the line, not that anyone will admit or dare charge that there has been any thing but a genuine interest.

Bluecoats are looking their nattiest and trying to keep on the move. "There's a whole lot in a man's personal appearance," remarked one of them this morning. "Just the same I wish he would hurry up and get around this way," answered another. "Not that I ain't on the job all the time, but the extra pressure is getting to be a strain. And once in a while I like to unbuckle this coat at the top."

So far a large part of Commissioner Johnston's inspection has been confined to men in the streets. Later, he says, he will visit all the stations.

Nor is that all. When the Commissioner has thoroughly familiarized himself with the detailed workings of the Police Department he intends to commence on the Fire Department, and study the work in the same way.

Since he entered office Commissioner Johnston has shown a pronounced interest in the police and fire departments. "The members of the police force are a fine body of men," he declared today. "So that members of the police department are not worried by the Commissioner's perambulations."

## CHI PSI MEMBERS GOING TO CHICAGO

Sixty-ninth Annual Convention of  
College Fraternity Will Be  
Held February 24-26.

The sixty-ninth annual convention of the Chi Psi Fraternity will be held in Chicago, February 24, 25, and 26, under the auspices of the Alpha Epsilon Delta Chapter at the University of Chicago, and the Chicago Chi Psi Alumni Association.

The following named chapters will be among those represented: Union College, Schenectady, N. Y.; Williams College, Williamstown, Mass.; Hamilton College, Clinton, N. Y.; Amherst College, Amherst, Mass.; Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.; Rutgers College, New Brunswick, N. J.; University of Georgia, Athens, Ga.; Stevens Institute, Hoboken, N. J.; Stanford University, Palo Alto, University of California, Berkeley, Cal.

Representatives from the Chi Psi Alumni Associations of the following cities will be present.

Boston, New York, Washington, Detroit, Des Moines, Albany, San Francisco, Chicago, Atlanta, Milwaukee, Duluth, Minneapolis, Pittsburgh, Los Angeles, and Portland, Oregon.

**TAFT HEAD NOW, BUT—**  
NEW HAVEN, Feb. 23.—Mr. Taft is the head man, but Mr. Roosevelt is coming back. This was the reply made in the United States circuit court here by an applicant for naturalization when among other questions he was asked: "Who is the head man of this country?"

## CALL OFF BIG MEET BECAUSE OF STRIKE

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 23.—Because the members of the National Guard of Pennsylvania, who make up the Military Police League, are later to be ready for strike duty, the track meet of the latter organization, which was scheduled to take place at the Third Regiment Armory last night was postponed.

## Away Goes Indigestion, Gas, and All Stomach Misery

A little Diapepsin relieves  
bad Stomachs in five  
minutes.

As there is often some one in your family who suffers an attack of Indigestion or some form of Stomach trouble, why don't you keep some Diapepsin in the house handy?

This harmless blessing will digest anything you can eat without the slightest discomfort, and overcome a sour, gassy Stomach five minutes after. Tell your pharmacist to let you read the formula plainly printed on these 50-cent cases of Pape's Diapepsin, then you will readily see why it makes Indigestion, Sour Stomach, Heartburn, and other distress go in five minutes and relieves at once such miseries as Belching of Gas, Eructations of sour

## VICTIM OBTAINS "SLAYER'S" PARDON

Man Thought Dead Secures  
Release of Convict Who  
"Killed Him."

GALVESTON, Tex., Feb. 23.—When Bernard Carter, a wealthy citizen of Seattle, read an account of the prison investigations and exposure of cruelties practiced in Texas, he noted the name of Roxer Williams among the convicts who testified before the investigating board. This is not a common name and recalled a man with whom Carter had had trouble years ago on a ranch in Crockett county, Tex.

In the spring of 1890 Carter and Williams had quarreled. One night Williams stabbed Carter while out on a cattle trail and rolled his body into the Pecos river. Williams was arrested, tried, and given a long sentence for the murder of Carter.

A few weeks after the stabbing the decomposed body of a man was found in the river and identified as that of Carter, but it was not.

Carter was found by a companion, taken to the railroad, and sent to a hospital at El Paso. Recovering, he drifted West, thence to Central America, and finally, having accumulated a fortune, settled in Seattle ten years ago.

Carter discovered that the convict in the Texas penitentiary was the same Roxer Williams who had stabbed him, and that he was serving a forty-year term for his murder. Carter set about to procure Williams' pardon, was successful, and has taken him to Seattle. Carter will provide a good home for Williams for the rest of his life.

Carter and Williams had small interests in several herds of cattle before the stabbing affair, and became bitter enemies, fighting over the cattle. Recovering from his wounds, Carter heard that Williams had slipped the country and had never been arrested. Williams was thirty-three years old when he was convicted, and he looks sixty-five now. He supposed he had killed Carter.

**MR. BRYAN ENTERTAINED.**

SANTIAGO DE CHILE, Feb. 23.—William Jennings Bryan, who leaves here for Concepcion today, dined yesterday with President Montt. A reception was given in his honor at the American legation.

## Palais Royal —A. LISNER— This Hat \$7.50



If 'twere an ordinary \$7.50 Hat we wouldn't advertise it. In collecting new millinery to the amount of \$75,000 here's certain to be certain lots bought under price. Note the quality of the horsehair and Milan braid of this and other hats offered at \$7.50; note the beauty of the flowers and the richness of the velvet trimmings. Bargains like these are never found—after the wise early visitors have been through our millinery parlors. Are you to be one of the wise ones?

## Make You One?

Note the Bargain Spots among the new materials and with the aid of one of our expert milliners you can have a hat made for you at little price.

Hair and Rough Braid Hats, new small and large shapes, \$2.25 values..... \$1.98  
Willow Plumes, hand tied; black, white, and colors; \$12 values, for..... \$10.00  
All kinds of new flowers and foliage; worth to 50c; for 13c and 25c  
Look for superb Hat Pins among the samples told of below. Choice, for..... 15c

## Samples of Paris Jewelry

Learn their history—the French representative visits the leading cities of the United States and makes Washington his last stopping place before returning to Paris. We pay prompt cash for his samples, which he no longer requires. See them—on first floor tables, near elevator.



## All at 15c

Worth to \$2.00

## Sample Suits, \$16.50 Will You Be a Wise One?

Not only will you save more dollars now than you can later—but you'll secure first choice and, if alterations are needed, will be given better attention now than later. Come tomorrow and choose from latest Paris and London spring models, with correct short coats and fully pleated skirts.

Materials include unfinished worsteds, diagonal cloths, whipcords, serges, mannish English suitings and French vigoreux. The colors include violet, artichoke, tan, champagne, dark, medium and pearl grays; Dutch blue, copenhagen, navy blue and black. The variations include the plain colors, various mixtures and undefined plaids and stripes. Note that samples are always finished with unusual care.

Each Suit was man-made, from the sponging of the cloth in the beginning to the pressing of the garment in the end. Thus the permanent beauty of the lines can be assured. Learn that the making alone of any one of these suits is worth \$16.50.

## Considering Price—\$2 A Truly Marvelous Corset

For the average figure there's no better Corset in the world. Is there as good? A stereotyped description will not tell you the important feature of this corset, the style and comfort it assures. Consult one of the experts here—she'll soon make you glad you read of this new "Royal Worcester."

Samples, at 69c, 98c and \$3.29.

Come prepared to buy two corsets—the "Royal Worcester" and one of these samples. The samples are 69c instead of \$1.00, 98c instead of \$3.50, and \$3.29 instead of \$6.00.

Corset Covers, 25c; worth to 75c.

Fit guaranteed—and note the beauty of the lace, embroidery and ribbon trimmings.

## Union Suits, 39c, 59c, 98c Were up to \$3.00

The "Oneita" Union Suits, the Swiss ribbed garments famous here for a quarter century, are to be no more. The hand-finished "Merode" Suits are to succeed the "Oneita." What a bargain time for you—look for men's \$1.00 "Oneita" Suits in the lot reduced to 39c; ladies' suits at 59c and 98c that were to \$3.00.

## The Palais Royal

A. LISNER. Hours: 8:30 a. m. to 6 p. m. G Street.

## Annual February Furniture Sale

Golden Oak China Closets, with bent glass ends. Good workmanship and finish. Sale price..... \$12.50

We are offering exceptionally big values in Go-Carts. This neat Reel Cart with best quality running gear and rubber tires. Sale price.... \$4.50

This golden oak Dresser—large, roomy and well made. Big French plate mirror. Sale price.... \$14.00

## Nearing the End

Our Annual February Sale has attracted a larger number of customers than ever this year, and the last few days will be busy indeed.

The assortments are still good, and there are many famous bargains to be picked up, for all prices are reduced, some of them very deeply.

It is ABSOLUTELY the best furniture buying opportunity of the season.

## Stumph & Lyford

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